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I Have lately received a Letter from an Aſtrologer in *Moor-fields*, which I have read with great Satisfaction. He obſerves to me, that my Lion at *Button*'s Coffee houſe was very luckily erected in the very Month when the Sun was in *Leo*. He further adds, that upon Converſing with the above mentioned Mr. *Button* (whoſe other Name he obſerves is *Daniel*, a good Omen ſtill with regard to the Lion his Cohabitant) he had diſcovered the very Hour in which the ſaid Lion was ſet up; and that by the help of other Lights, which he had received from the ſaid Mr. *Button*, he had been enabled to Calculate the Nativity of the Lion. This Myſterious Philoſopher acquaints me, that the Sign of *Leo* in the Heavens immediately precedes that of *Virgo*, by which, ſays he, is ſignified the natural Love and Friendſhip the Lion bears to Virginity, and not only to Virginity, but to ſuch Matrons likewiſe as are pure and unſpotted, from whence he foretells the good Influence which the Roarings of my Lion are likely to have over the Female World for the purifying of their Behaviour, and bettering of their Manners. He then proceeds to inform me, that in the moſt exact Aſtrological Schemes, the Lion is obſerved to affect, in a more particular manner, the Legs and the Neck, as well as to allay the Power of the Scorpion in thoſe Parts which are allotted to that fiery Conſtellation. From hence he very naturally Prognoſticates, that my Lion will meet with great Succeſs in the Attacks he has made on the untuckered Stays and ſhort Petticoat, and that, in a few Months, there will not be a Female Boſom or Ankle uncovered in *Great Britain*. He concludes, that by the Rules of his Art he foreſees, five Years ago, that both the Pope and my ſelf ſhould about this time unite our Endeavours in this particular, and that ſundry Mutations and Revolutions would happen in the Female Dreſs.

I have another Letter by me from a Perſon of a more Volatile and Airy Genius, who finding this great Propenſion in the fair Sex to go uncovered, and thinking it impoſſible to reconcile them entirely from it, is for compounding the Matter with them, and finding out a middle Expedient between Nakedneſs and Cloathing. He propoſes therefore, that they ſhould imitate their Great Grandmothers the *Britbs* or *Picts*, and Paint the Parts of their Bodies which are uncovered with ſuch Figures as ſhall be moſt to their fancy. The Boſom of the Coquette, ſays he, may bear the Figure of a *Cupid*, with a Bow in his Hand, and his Arrow upon the String. The Prude might have a *Pallas*, with a Shield and Gorgon's Head. In ſhort, by this method, he thinks every Woman might make very agreeable Diſcoveries

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